

REPORT OF THE ALTON WATER SUPERINTENDENT

The primary goal of the Water Works is to provide safe clean drinking water in sufficient quantities to meet the current demand of our system users and to plan for future increases in the demand on the system.

Presently, the Water Works operates three well/pumping stations located at Levey Park, Route 140 near the fire station, and Jones Field. The Levey Park station can produce approximately 300 gallons per minute (GPM) and has treatment facilities. The Route 140 station can produce approximately 160 GPM. During 2002, the well/pumping stations combined, delivered 65 million gallons of treated water into the distribution pipes of our system. The pumping station on Route 140 near the fire station is used solely as a backup if the Levey Park pump fails. The Jones Field well is now completed, and we are alternating the use of it with the Levey Park well.

To insure safe drinking water the Water Works conducts monthly bacteria testing as required. A considerable number of other tests are also taken during the year. We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe to drink and meets or exceeds federal and state standards as specified by the 1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act.

During 2006, 51 service lines were replaced as well as 3,000 feet of water main.

We regret that we have had to increase water rates, but with the increase in costs it was necessary. The bills sent out in January of 2007 reflect a \$10.00 increase in the minimum charge. The cost of electricity alone is now over \$25,000 per year. 2006 was also a costly year for main repairs with 2 repairs alone costing over \$8,000. By doing the repair ourselves, we saved well over \$10,000 on these 2 repairs.

In closing, the Alton Water Works would like to thank the residents for their continued support. We would like to request your assistance by reporting water leaks and other problems as soon as possible. If you have any problems or questions, please call our office at 875-4200 or drop by at 67 Frank C. Gilman Highway next to the Alton Central Fire Station.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Quindley, Superintendent